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Dear Sir:

This correction is in response to the "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment" issued December 20, 2004 for the above-identified application. The Examiner stated in that Notice that the Applicants' response of October 4, 2004 did not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c). Specifically, claim 24 contained the status identifier "New" but showed markings (i.e., underline and strike-through text). The Applicants have removed those markings, incorporating the changes they designate, and request that the Examiner replace the "Claim Amendments" section found in the response of October 4, 2004 with the "Corrected Amendments to the Claims" beginning on page 2 of this paper. This change to claim 24 is the only difference between the "Corrected Amendments to the Claims" below and the "Claim Amendments" section of the October 4, 2004 filing.

The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the Amendments filed October 4, 2004, as corrected by today's filing, and reconsider all of the pending claims.

The Applicants do not believe that any fees are due with this filing. However, the Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees or credit any overpayment necessitated by this amendment to Deposit Account No. 18-1982

Please amend the Claims as set forth in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

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